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FOLLOWING REPEAT MEXICO 4693 ACTION SECSTATE INFO CIUDAD JAREZ
GUADALAJARA HERMOSILLO MATAMOROS MAZATLAN MERIDA MONTERREY
NUEVO LAREDO AND TIJUANA 30 MAY 75

QUOTE

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SUBJECT: HIDALGO TEXAS LABOR VIOLENCE

REF: MEXICO 4602

2. ACCORDING TO SEMI-OFFICIAL EL NACIONAL, FONSEC RABASA HAS
SENT "PRECISE AND DIRECT" INSTRUCTIONS TO MEXICAN CONSUL
GABRIEL GOMEZ RADILLA IN MCALLE, TEXAS, TO INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY
WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF OF MEXICAN MIGRANT
WORKERS ALLEGEDLY INJURED BY RANCHER CHARLES MILLER, DEMANDING
THAT MILLER BE PROSECUTED. AT SAME TIME, GOMEZ RADILLA HAS BEEN
TOLD TO VISIT EACH OF INJURED PERSONS AND OFFER "UNLIMITED"
AID AND PROTECTION OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

2. GOMEZ RADILLA HAS ACCORDINGLY DIRECTED A WRITTEN INQUIRY
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TO HIDALGO COUNTRY SHERIFF CLAUDIO CASTANEDA REQUESTING INFORMATION

ON THE SHOOTING INCIDENT AND URGING MILLER'S PROSECUTION.
COPY OF CONSUL'S LETTER, PUBLISHED IN REYNOSA PRESS, BEING
AIRPOUCHED ARA/MEX BY AMCONSUL MATAMOROS.

3. COMMENT: CONSUL SMITH REPORTS THAT INCIDENT CONTINUES TO
RECEIVE HEAVY PRESS PLAY IN MEXICAN BORDER NEWSPAPERS, WITH
HEAVY EMPHASIS ON ANGLO VERSUS CHICANO FACTOR. ALTHOUGH MOST
MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPERS REPORTED RABASA'S INSTRUCTIONS, COVERAGE
HERE HAS BEEN DISTINCTLY LOWER-KEYED AND WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT.
RETICENCE TO PULL OUT STOPS IN EXPLOITING THIS INCIDENT AS
EXAMPLE OF ABUSES SUFFERED BY MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS IS PROBABLY
ATTRIBUTABLE TO CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THEIR NATIONALITY
AND STATUS IN U.S.

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